

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SUPPORTING HOUSE CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 833, MY RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MOLDOVA'S DEMOCRACY, SOVEREIGNTY, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, ON APRIL 27, 2022

### HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker. I rise to support H. Res. 833, a bipartisan resolution co-authored by Moldova Caucus Co-Chair, Congressman AUGUST PFLUGER, and myself, to support the Republic of Moldova's democracy, sovereignty, and territorial integrity.

I would also like to thank Chairman MEEKS for his support for strengthening U.S.-Moldova relations and his expedited consideration of this resolution on the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Moldova is a small but significant country that achieved independence after the fall of the Soviet Union and has worked to chart its own path forward as a young democracy.

This year, we celebrate 30 years of diplomatic relations between our two countries, and I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the opportunities we have to strengthen U.S.-Moldova relations.

Today, Moldova is a bright spot in the region.

Over the last two years, the Moldovan people elected their first female president and a new parliament with a clear mandate to implement crucial governance and economic reforms, such as strengthening the capacity and independence of democratic institutions—including the judiciary, combatting corruption, expanding economic prosperity, enhancing European cooperation and integration, and increasing energy security and diversification.

Moldova is trying to do exactly what we urge on our counterparts all over the world—responding and being accountable to all of its citizens. We must support and help Moldova in these critical endeavors—particularly in the face of Russian military aggression in neighboring Ukraine.

President Putin's unprovoked and barbaric military invasion of Ukraine has grave security implications for Moldova, by virtue of its proximity and the presence of Russian-backed separatist troops in Transnistria—a breakaway region within Moldova's internationally recognized borders. Already, we are hearing of a potential false flag operation within Transnistria. We have seen this before, and we must be vigilant.

Since Putin's brutal invasion, Moldova has punched above its weight and opened its arms to hundreds of thousands fleeing Ukrainian refugees, providing them humanitarian assistance and a safe place to turn, despite limited resources.

As a country largely dependent on Russia for energy, the Moldovan government has also

worked hard to swiftly accelerate energy diversification and ensure the resilience of its infrastructure.

The United States and the international community must do all we can to provide Moldova the resources needed to succeed in these efforts, while also supporting their efforts to stay the course on implementing important governance and economic reforms. That is exactly what this resolution supports.

I've had the pleasure of visiting Moldova and welcoming Moldovans to our country many times by virtue of North Carolina's sister-state relationship with Moldova, co-chairing the Moldova Caucus, and engaging Moldovans in the parliamentary-development work of the House Democracy Partnership (HDP), which I chair.

Most recently, as HDP resumed in-person meetings, a young articulate group of Moldovan parliamentarians joined us for a five-country conference at the Marshall Center in Germany and made a significant contribution to the program.

The Moldovan Parliament has made great institutional strides, particularly since the landmark elections of 2019, and HDP looks forward to continuing engagement with them.

The North Carolina partnership, nurtured by Secretary of State Elaine Marshall and hundreds of citizen-diplomats in both countries, has been a remarkable success—which is acknowledged in this resolution. Since 1996, the North Carolina National Guard has anchored the partnership, which has now come to involve exchanges and cooperation beyond the military, including civil emergency operations, expansion of markets, humanitarian efforts, and cultural, scientific, and educational initiatives.

The resolution before us honors the achievements of independent Moldova, celebrates 30 years of cordial United States relations, urges continued progress on economic and political reform, and does all of this in full awareness of the perils Moldova faces.

It is a timely and compelling resolution, and I urge unanimous support.

IN RECOGNITION OF ED GARONE

### HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ed Garone's long history of leadership in New Hampshire and in celebration of his Golden Anniversary of the Derry Chief of Police. Ed first answered the call to service in his community in 1964 with the Lebanon Police Department and moved up the ranks over the next eight years, being named the Derry Chief of Police in 1972.

When Ed was promoted to Chief in 1972, he oversaw 16 officers. Today, he oversees more than 70 officers and runs a department of exemplary police officers and staff. He

works to ensure the safety of citizens in his community, but also for the officers he oversees. Over the years he has worked on projects that focused on bettering Derry and the community.

As Chief, Ed has continuously shown dedication to bettering the community issue by issue since the 1970s. Ed has always gone above and beyond to ensure the safety of the good people of Derry, and all Granite Staters, by spearheading efforts to combat the opioid epidemic—both in Derry and across the state.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Ed for his continued dedication to the Granite State and to congratulate him on this momentous milestone.

HONORING PAULA MOLTZAN,  
OLYMPIC ATHLETE

### HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Minnesota native Paula Moltzan for earning 12th in giant slalom, 8th in slalom, and 4th in the mixed team in the 2022 Olympic Games in Beijing.

Paula, who has been on the Olympic Alpine Team since 2012, has had an amazing track record, becoming the first American woman to win a slalom gold at Junior Worlds. During her time at the University of Vermont she was the fifth female to win the NCAA slalom title and the first freshman to do so since 1986. With her lifelong dedication to skiing, Paula is a reminder to all of us that hard work and dedication pay off.

On behalf of Minnesota's 2nd Congressional District, I applaud Paula and congratulate her on her impressive Olympic performance.

HONORING BISHOP JUAN L.  
MORRISON

### HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bishop Juan L. Morrison.

From a young age, Bishop Morrison was taught to love and serve others. As the son of a pastor, the values of being humble, pious, and charitable were instilled within him, forming a man devoted to his faith and community.

Academically, Bishop Morrison was driven. He received a master's degrees in Education Administration, Counseling, and Psychology, as well as a Doctorate in Philosophy. Bishop Morrison then spent thirty-five years in Springfield teaching both in the public school system and at Lincoln Land Community College.

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